(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार का वार्षिक विकास दर के संबंध में क्या मूल्यांकन है; और

(घ) सरकारी आकलन के मूल्यांकन के आधार क्या-क्या हैं?

**वित्त मंत्री (श्री यशवंत सिन्हा)** : (क) से (घ) मैसर्स मूडी इन्वेस्टर सर्विसेज़ ने अपने हाल ही के प्रभुसत्ता सम्पन्न कर निर्धारण पुनरीक्षा अभ्यास में अर्थ व्यवस्था की अभिवृद्धि की संभावना को शामिल करते हुए अनेक पैरामीटरों को हिसाब में लिया है। सरकार मैसर्स मूडी इन्वेस्टर सर्विसेज़ द्वारा लगाए गए अभिवृद्धि अनुमान से सहमत नहीं है और यह आशा करती है कि वर्ष 1998-99 में सकल घरेलू उत्पाद की अभिवृद्धि दर लगभग 6 प्रतिशत रहेगी।

**Reorientation of Banking Service**

181. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India has recently recommended to Government to modernise and reorient banking services to customer needs;

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn up any plans for the revitalising of PSU banks in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE & INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the recommendations of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) regarding reforms in the Banking sector. The process of reform is a continuing process and the suggestions made by the ASSOCHAM along with suggestions received from other sources constitute inputs in the engoing efforts to undertake Banking Sector Reforms.

**बैंकिंग सेवा भर्ती बोर्ड**

182. **श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार बैंकिंग सेवा भर्ती बोर्ड को भंग करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो ऐसे बोर्डों की क्या उपयोगिता है;

(ग) इन सोलह बोर्डों पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जा रही है; और

(घ) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन बैंकिंग सेवा भर्ती बोर्डों द्वारा कितने व्यक्तियों का चयन किया गया?

**वित्त मंत्रालय (बैंकिंग, राजस्व तथा बीमा) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कादम्बूर एम०आर० जनार्दनन):** (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) बैंकिंग सेवा भर्ती बोर्ड सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों और साथ ही क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों के लिए लिपिक संवर्ग और साथ ही अधिकारी संवर्ग में कर्मचारियों की भर्ती में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा रहे हैं।

(ग) इन बोर्डों पर वर्ष 1997-98 में किया गया खर्च 22.39 करोड़ रुपए था। इन बोर्डों द्वारा सृजित आय 9.23 करोड़ रु० थी। इस प्रकार 13.16 करोड़ रुपए का घाटा सरकारी क्षेत्र के संबंधित समन्वयकर्ता बैंकों को पूरा करना था।

(घ) इन बैंकों ने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न पदों के लिए विविध बैंकों को 14,246 अभ्यर्थी आवंटित किए थे।

**Non-quotation of Companies in Stock Exchanges**

183. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that many companies after calling for Public Issues have not been quoted in stock exchanges since 1994;

(b) if so, the details of such defaulting companies;

(c) what steps are being taken to help the investors to recover their money from such companies; and

(d) when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by SEBI, 1210 companies came out with

public offer in 1994-95 out of which ten were not traceable. During 1997-98, 45 companies came out with public offering and out of these, seven companies were not traceable.

(c) and (d) The details of these companies were forwarded by SEBI to Department of Company Affairs (DCA) and DCA has initiated action under Sec. 146 of the Companies Act, 1956 against these seventeen companies.

**Himachal Government's request for financial assistance**

184. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been requested to provide financial assistance to Himachal Pradesh to enable it to tide over the current financial problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to consider these requests in the interest of welfare of the people of Himachal Pradesh;

(d) whether the Central Government also propose to take some steps to ensure that such financial assistance is invested genuinely in development programmes by the State Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when such assistance is likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State Government of H.P. had requested for one time grant of Rs. 1000 crores to meet their budgetary gap during 1998-99.

(c) and (e) The request was considered and Ways and Means Advance of Rs. 100 crores was provided during May, 1998, to solve the immediate financial problem of the State which is being recovered in equal instalments. In addition, Rs. 100 crore has been released to the State as Special Plan assistance and another Rs. 100 crores is being released as project related assistance based on the progress of expenditure.

(d) Central Assistance for State Plan is released, based on the expenditure figures furnished by the State Government to Government of India. However, State Government is accountable to the State legislature for proper utilisation of funds through the Audit Reports prepared by the CAG of India.

**White Paper on crisis in UTI**

185. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the crisis in the UTI with regard to US 64;

(b) whether Government have investigated the reported fall in the net asset value of the US 64; and

(c) whether Government will consider issue of white paper to regain the confidence of the investors in UTI?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) According to Unit Trust of India, due to unfavourable stock market conditions, there was a notional depreciation in value of US-64 investment of the order of Rs. 3566 crore as on 30th June, 1998.

(c) Government is not considering any such proposal.

**Schemes for extending loans to poor Students**

186. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of different schemes developed by public sector/ nationalised banks for extending loans to poor students for pursuing higher technical and medical education in India and abroad;